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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2001, in the above referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction. It is believed that multiple groups could be searched and examined together without undue burden (MPEP-803). For instance, Groups I and II both share common classification (class 525). Applicants respectfully submit that, since a comprehensive search would involve consideration of the subject matter of both groups, for efficiency, both groups could be prosecuted at the same time. Further, regarding the requirement for an election of species, Applicants respectfully submit hydroxy terminated butylene/ethylene copolymers, ABA block copolymers of polyalkylene oxide and polydimethylsiloxane, fluorine substituted polyesters, fluorine substituted acrylics, fluorine substituted polyurethanes, fluorine substituted polyolefins, fluorine substituted polycarbonates and fluorine substituted epoxys are all low polarity block segments. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Restriction is earnestly solicited.

Nonetheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, drawn to claims 1-47 and 50-62, with traverse.

Applicants further elect, as a species, species for the adhesive/coating that are solvent based, with traverse. This species is presently embodied in Claims 1-13, 17-47, and 50-62.

Applicants further elect, as a species, species for the low polarity polymeric block that are ABA block copolymers of polyalkylene oxide and dimethylsiloxane, with traverse. This species is presently embodied in Claims 1-29, 34-47, 50-55 and 59-62.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified ONE (1) month period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. Accordingly, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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